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Camping Retreat

A college camping retreat is being organized for April 17-19th.

Mock Trial Team

The Saint Joseph's Mock Trial team competed in the National competition on March 21-23 in Minnesota. Several team members were nominated for individual awards for both witnesses and attorneys.

Senior Dinner

The annual Senior Dinner will be held on Friday, April 3 at 6:00 pm.

Lenten Activities

The Passion Play directed by Sophomore Steve Giles will be performed on April 7 at 8:00 pm. The all faith campus Easter celebration will be held on April 16 at 8:00 pm and the Easter Campus Mass will be April 19 at 11:15am.

Time Change

Change your clocks ahead one hour the night of Saturday April 4. The time will change at 2:00 am on Sunday.

Registration

Registration for terms 973 and 981 will be held Monday April 6 through Thursday April 9 in the Ballroom.

Chesaks Honored As the Feast of Saint Joseph Is Celebrated



David and Mary Chesak receive the Sister Catherine Fay Award for their many years of contributions to the Saint Joseph's College community, above.

Mr. Mike Vallone, a graduate of the Class of 1960, provided the Saint Joseph's Table, right.



photos by Brother Tim Hemm

by Julia Garcia

On Thursday, March 19, Saint Joseph's College celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Joseph. Mass was held at 4:30 in the Chapel, followed by a special dinner in the cafeteria. This year's celebration also included the Saint Joseph's Table located in the Core Building.

The Saint Joseph's Table is a custom brought to the United States by Italian immigrants. During times of great famine, Italians gave thanks to St. Joseph for helping them survive by sharing tables of food with the community, especially the poor. "It is their devotion to St. Joseph that helped get them through famine years," stated Brother Tim Hemm. The table provided different types of breads, cookies, and cakes. The table was supplied by Mike

Vallone, graduate of 1960.

During Mass, David and Mary Chesak were given the

"It was a fitting mass for the celebration of St. Joseph and...the Chesaks's dedication..."

Sister Catherine Fay Award for their "many years of zealous contribution to the personal and spiritual development of our students... they have provided advice, friendship and assistance to many needy students year after year." The Chesaks were honored with a small statue and applause from the congregation. "The mass was a fitting celebration of St. Joseph and an equally fitting celebration of the Chesaks' dedication to the community," stated Jeffrey Kirch, member of Campus Ministry.

Adopt a Student Program Helps Students Find a Home Away From Home

by Ashley Pierce

Starting a life at college and moving away from your home can be a difficult transition for anyone. Even the most well adjusted student would prefer a home cooked meal to cafeteria food.

To combat homesickness, Campus Ministry of Saint Joseph's College and the Rensselaer Ministerial Association is sponsoring an "Adopt a Family/Adopt a Student" program. Brother Tim Hemm suggested the program to students involved in Campus Ministry. According to Brother Hemm, "Programs like this have been

started at other colleges, and it seems like a worthwhile thing to give students that don't have the opportunity to go home to their families very often."

The program involves a student and a local family getting together for a family dinner; however, there are no limitations to what the "families" can do together. "Ideally, it could become a second home, someplace students could stop by from time to time. There are no limitations; it's whatever the student and the family make of it," stated Senior Melissa Westphal, the program's stu-

dent coordinator.

Campus Ministry hopes that this program will help to foster new relationships between the college and the local community. "We see this

"Ideally, it could be a second home, someplace students could stop by from time to time."

program as a way to connect students with the community," commented Westphal. Also, Campus Ministry members hope the program will get the community more interested in campus events. "I en-

vision students and families attending athletic events together, or students inviting their Rensselaer 'family' to Parent's Weekend," commented Father James Challancin.

Students interested in participating in the program should contact Westphal or Senior Elizabeth Sawyer. Local families who are interested should contact Fr. Challancin. The families and students will then be matched up, and their relationship can begin to grow. "Those I have talked to are very excited about the program. Who knows what will happen," remarked Hemm.

Left to fall apart

By DeAnn Hazzard

It's early morning, and I am searching for inspiration. I am searching for the right words, the right time, and the right answer in a building that seems to have suffered through many seasons. At this very moment while everyone else is probably fast asleep I sit in that off-color greenish-brownish building that retains so much character, bugs, and history...Of course it is Dwenger, that building that many younger students may wonder what it is used for, what it was used for, or why it is even here.

During my tenure here at Saint Joe, Dwenger was used for faculty offices, and the very office I am sitting in used to belong to Bernard Parker, Vice President of Academic Affairs. Now three short years later, after the long-awaited completion of the perfectly sterile Core building, Dwenger is preparing for complete evacuation. Relocation of all offices (mainly student offices) in this historical building is in progress.

Now, of course relocation is a result of a pipe that burst in the basement over spring

break during that inconvenient and shocking snowstorm. As far as I know, a water pipe burst and flooded the basement. This is a logical explanation and even a relatively good reason for relocation, but I can't help wondering in the back of my cynical mind how astoundingly convenient this act of nature actually is. Now, don't jump the gun...I believe a pipe burst, and it is somewhat comforting (as well as slightly surprising) how quickly and helpful the school has been in setting up plans for relocation. My problem is, that the condition of Dwenger did not happen overnight; it has to be a result of years of neglect. I have heard from the moment I set foot on this campus rumors about plans to tear Dwenger down...and now as a result of a random act of nature whoever wanted or planned to have Dwenger removed for whatever reasons has basically had his or her wish granted.

Now Dwenger is not exactly the most beautiful building on the face of this earth nor even on this campus, but



Dwenger Hall was completed in 1908.

the fact remains that it is part of Saint Joe's history. It has a certain charm that seems to have been neglected for years, because as I complained earlier, Dwenger's dilapidated appearance could not have happened overnight. My question is, why weren't small steps taken to repair mishaps or damages as they actually occurred instead of waiting until the building is considered to be an eyesore and just way too expensive to repair now? We already have one building that is practically condemned and off-limits to students, but thankfully that eyesore is across the

street.

Like many other things on this campus, it just doesn't make sense. Perhaps I have an emotional attachment to this building because it has been *The Observer* office for the last 2 and a half years, while most students haven't put much thought into that building stuck in between Merlini and the Post Office. But regardless of your affiliation with this building, it should bother you that we're literally losing a part of Saint Joe's history...I mean the Science Building isn't in that great of shape. How long of a future does it have?

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*Cheers to the Columbian Players production of *Into the Woods*

*Cheers to Saint Patrick's Day

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*Cheers to Habitat for Humanity

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Come "Into the Woods" with the Columbian Players



photo by Matt Owens

The Columbian Players rehearse for Sondheim's "Into the Woods". The musical will be performed April 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the College Auditorium.

by Ashley Pierce

For a fun, musical fairy tale adventure, come "Into the Woods" with the Columbian Players of Saint Joseph's College.

This musical fairytale interweaves the classic stories of Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood, The Baker's Wife, Jack and the Beanstalk, and Rapunzel. Everything seems to end "happily ever after" in act one. Act two, however, explores the unexpected consequences of happily ever after.

Written by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim, "Into the Woods" presents a magical company of characters who are as appealing to adults as to children.

This award winning musical will be presented on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4 at 8:00pm and on Sunday, April 5 at 2:00pm in the College Theater. Admission is \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Saint Joseph's College students, faculty and staff are admitted free.

Senate Update

The Senate discussed and passed a proposal of reforms to the current dormitory fines procedures. The proposal has been passed on to the Student Life Committee.

The Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes are sponsoring the Spring Formal, which will be held on March 28th in the Ballroom.

The S.A. officers will be in Bennett Hall's lounge on March 25th from 8-9 pm to answer questions and concerns of the residents of that dorm.

Upcoming events: The Big Screen Movie "I Know What You Did Last Summer" will be shown in the Science Auditorium on the 24th at 9 p.m., the 26th at 9 p.m., and the 27th at 7 p.m.

On April 5th, Hypnotist Chris Carter will be performing in the Ballroom at 8 p.m. Due to *Scream 2* and *Titanic* not being released on video as anticipated to Swank pictures, there will be a change in the movies.

Boys and Girls Club Offers "Play Time" for St. Joseph's Students

by Natalie Berenda

As the semester is coming to an end, many of you are feeling stressed and simply need to get away from your studies. What better way to do this than volunteering for a couple of hours at the Jasper County Boys and Girls Club? Not to mention it looks good on a resume.

The people of Jasper County have set up the Club at the Rensselaer Armory. The children, whose ages range from seven to seventeen, can come to the armory every Thursday night from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There are usually between forty and fifty kids who attend each week. They have the option to study, play games, or do arts and crafts. Even better, snacks are provided.

Seniors Marty Corley and

Carl Voltaire were the first Saint Joseph's College students to volunteer at the Club. They are doing this as an internship and so far enjoying it. Since they began they have recruited about twenty more Saint Joseph's students to volunteer. "Being around kids makes you feel better," Corley stated. "Granted after it's over, it takes a lot out of you, but to see the kids happy makes you feel like you're accomplishing something."

Corley encourages more to volunteer even if you can come for just an hour. Those interested can contact Corley, Voltaire, or senior Pam Brown. "I think a lot of the kids. You start to look forward to seeing them. You always have a smile on your face when leaving the club," Corley said.



photo by Jenny Palecek

Saint Joseph's students enjoy spending time with local children at the Jasper County Boys and Girls Club.

SAINT JOSEPH'S STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT SOUP KITCHEN

by Julia Garcia

Over Christmas break, three Saint Joseph's College students volunteered their time at a soup kitchen in the southside of Chicago, located in an Episcopal church. Senior Brian Clark, Sophomore Jeff Capadona, and Junior Dave Drzonek were the volunteers. Clark became involved with the program while in high school. "You see the need...and we have

the means to help these people out," stated Clark.

Volunteers prepared a spaghetti and meatball dinner beforehand, warmed it up at the church, and provided table service to the approximately eighty people. "These people serve as an example to us to show us how truly lucky we are and how truly blessed we are," stated Drzonek.

OUT OF CLASS AIRING ON CHANNEL 6

by Ashley Pierce

Giddy-up for wild west fun with the new *Out of Class*, "Into the West," airing on Channel 6.

The campus produced sitcom, which features a unique storyline, was written by seniors Kathy Braun and Andy Hicks. "This is the first time piece we've done and it's also the first show done primarily in black and white," commented Braun. The sitcom centers around a "Western" atmosphere, with a saloon, sheriff, and of course, horses.

Scenes for "Into the West" were shot on campus, in Core

XI, and at Andy Hicks home in Fair Oaks, Indiana. Weather was occasionally a problem during the shooting. The production was scheduled to be completed during first semester, however, because of severe weather some of the outdoor shots had to be postponed. "The first time we tried to shoot it snowed, so we had to shoot second semester," noted Braun.

Starring in the Western *Out of Class* are seniors Andy Hicks, Matt Owens, and Katie Robinson, and sophomores Tamara Bumpers and Stephen Giles. Creating the western atmosphere for the

sitcom were some unique characters in addition to the student actors. Dean of Students David Chatin creates the character "The Professor" and 1997 Saint Joseph's graduate Mark Sansone has a cameo appearance.

Another episode of *Out of Class* is scheduled to be produced in April. This time the show will parody the popular MTV program, "The Real World." The *Out of Class* version of the "Real World" will be filmed in Michigan. "Watch for upcoming shows to be advertised on Channel 3," added Braun.

Marty Corley Donates Time and Energy to Saint Joe and Surrounding Community



photo by Rachel Barlage

Marty hangs out with some new friends at the Boys and Girls Club, one of his favorite activities.

by Lisa Phillips

"Never stop striving or believing," Marty Corley told me. I could certainly believe that he hadn't.

Simply listing all the time-consuming activities he is involved in kept me scribbling on my notepad for most of the interview. Outside Core XI, Corley told me a bit about himself and his work here at Saint Joe.

Corley, a senior, has been the president of the Minority Student Union. He also plays football, and is knee deep in other projects.

Currently, he is organizing volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club (Interested? Contact him), to improve the lives of local kids in need of role models.

Also, he and Holly Tanner are trying to organize a Skin

Deep retreat. Such a retreat would bring together people from the Saint Joe community of various races to discuss racial topics and eventually spread information and new insights throughout the campus.

Corley believes that although racism is not a large issue at SJC, it still needs to be addressed.

"Seeing it all come together is one of my joys," says Corley. The Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, for instance, had a good turnout, not only from the students and faculty, but from the residents of Rensselaer as well.

Corley hopes to continue his work by becoming an Indiana State Policeman. He knows how to get things done, and the state police sometimes have a problem with that. Maybe he'll teach them a thing or two (we all hope).

SJC Alums Celebrate Saint Paddy's Day

by Heather Hagan

The luck of the Irish was with Saint Joseph's alumni and parents on Saturday, March 14 as they marched in Chicago's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

This marks the thirteenth year that SJC has been involved in the parade, which is held in downtown Chicago.

According to Mo Egan, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, this tradition originally focused more on the Chicago chapter of the Alumni and Parents' Associations. Now alumni and parents from all over the Midwest are included in the event.

Traditionally, the Saint Joe band has been part of the marching brigade; however, for the past two years, the

parade has fallen during the same week as Spring Break, and the band has been unable to participate.

"We do miss having them with us," said Egan. "But it does look like next year we'll be able to have the band back in our midst as Spring Break will be timed differently."

The Saint Joseph's marching brigade consisted of approximately 50 people. They marched as the eighteenth unit in the parade — a prime slot which placed them behind the float carrying past parade queens.

Afterwards, the marchers were joined by several others at a reception held at Ranalli's Restaurant. This reception was hosted by the Chicago chapter of the Alumni Association.

"The large group [at

Ranalli's] covered ages from the early 20's to the 60's and the camaraderie was extraordinary," said Bill Shant of the Business Office, who was a first-time participant in the parade.

Camie Bechtold of the Career Center marched with the unit of her alma mater, Quincy, and afterwards joined the Saint Joe marchers at Ranalli's.

"It was wonderful to see how dedicated the alumni are to SJC," Bechtold commented.

"The family atmosphere that SJC is famous for was definitely evident and certainly lives on beyond the physical campus — even in Chicago. I encourage any student or alum living in the vicinity to join in the fun next year," Bechtold added.



photo by Cindy Stanko

View from the Looney Bin

by Heidi Jugovic

Moments in the Woods

Hey, guess what?

I'm going to be in the musical next week. It's going to be lots of fun. It's a great show! A great cast!

Hard to believe I've been saying those lines for 8 years. Yup, I did my very first show 8 long years ago. I had one line. I told people I had 7 syllables. It sounded more impressive. I still remember the line: "No, I haven't Miss Simmons." At least I didn't have to do a lot of memorization....

Theatre is crazy stuff, which is probably why I love it so much. Gives the voices in my head plenty of chances to come out and play. Hey, even voices need exercise.

It's true, you know. Your voice needs exercise just like the other muscles in your body. My music teacher told me that training to sing is like training to be an athlete.

You need at least 1 hour of good voice exercises every day to keep your voice in decent shape. More to make significant improvement.

You can even injure your voice just like any other muscle. If you tear your vocal cords repeatedly by screaming a lot or using bad technique, little bunches of scar tissue build up like raisins in your throat, and you can't sing. That's what happens to old rock singers and young cheerleaders.

Singing is just one part of

the whole musical theatre production, and all of it takes a lot of work and time...like playing a sport, but less sweaty for the most part.

The real kicker is that success in theatre is so ambiguous. When you play a sport, there's usually a winner and a loser at the end of the day. There are points to count and times to record and compare to the record books.

But there are no referees and no score boards in theatre because theatre is an art. Success is in the high you get off of it and the high your audience shares with you.

A choreographer once told me that when you get in front of an audience, that audience stops being themselves for two hours. They transfer all the energy and consciousness that they usually carry around in themselves and give it to you. They live in you.

That is why rehearsal is never like the real thing. The energy is completely different. For a short time on stage, I am ten times bigger than I normally am because I have a room full of people living inside me, looking through my eyes, entering my world.

And together the audience and I live together in this new world. It is more than a game of pretend. It is fully living in a moment, a moment made up of a mixed up potion from the audience, the cast, the words and songs of writers. The mix is different every time, so the experience is different every time.

No wonder no one tries to keep score. I wouldn't know how to score the incredible high that I get on that stage, and I don't think the rest of any cast I have been privileged to be a part of could either. But just because I can't put a score on the high doesn't mean it is not real for me or for the audience.

So come share a high with me next week. Take a glimpse through my eyes, and try out the view from the looney bin for yourselves.

Habitat Travels to Mobile, Alabama for Spring Break

by Julia Garcia

Members of the Saint Joseph's College Chapter of Habitat for Humanity travelled to Mobile, Alabama for Spring Break in order to help finish building a house for a needy family.

The trip, which was planned last year, was part of the annual Spring Break trip made by Habitat for Humanity members on campus each year. Previous Spring Break trips have been made to several locations, including South Dakota and Oklahoma.

Fifteen students, along with Fred Berger, Professor of Communications, and his wife Patricia drove to Mobile. "Each person paid \$150, and

"Habitat for Humanity is an organization that puts faces on the people who are in need of decent housing."

--Professor Fred Berger

Steve Santo and President Skip Shannon helped keep costs down with their donations," stated Charles Bowling, Habitat for Humanity President.

The group stayed at a mission in inner city Mobile and worked on the house Monday

through Friday, usually from 8am to 4pm.

Volunteers were instrumental in adding the finishing touches to the house, which was dedicated on Sunday, March 15. Building rain trenches, painting, and laying sod were among the many duties of the volunteers.

On Friday, the Habitat for Humanity members helped serve a breakfast for

the homeless at a church in Mobile. "I think that we experienced poverty conditions not just at the work site but at the mission where we stayed and at the breakfast we served for the homeless," added Bowling.

Along with sore muscles, the trip also provided time for reflection. "Habitat for Humanity is an organization that puts faces on the people who are in need of decent housing.

Our trip to Mobile did that for me--meeting the partner family and seeing the tears in the eyes of the homeowner when she thanked us at the end of the week was something I won't forget," stated Berger.

The students also travelled to Gulf Shores, Alabama on Thursday evening to view the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. On their drive back to campus, the volunteers stopped in New Orleans and spent a couple of hours admiring the city.

"These trips make me proud of the SJC students. To give up their Spring Breaks and spend a week in less than ideal living conditions speaks highly of their values and concern for the world around them," added Berger.

Junior Jamie Portal said, "This is the third Spring Break trip I've been on. I would recommend that everyone go on a Habitat Spring Break trip at least once. It's a very rewarding experience, and it opens your eyes to places outside of Rensselaer.

"Habitat is a great way to get to know new people, to build, and to have fun," added Portal, Saint Joe's student representative on the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity Board.

Senior Kathy Braun said, "The best part about Habitat is taking a week away from college life to go out and find out that you're not alone in the world, and there are a lot of people out there who are a lot worse off than you are. You learn that one person, or in our case, 17 people, can make a difference."

Braun said that the trip helped her to put her life into perspective. "Here I am at Saint Joe's worrying about which paper's due when, and these people are worrying about how to make it to tomorrow's sunrise."



photo by Pat Berger

Habitat volunteers toss their shovels aside and take a rest in a drainage ditch they dug at the worksite.



photo by Kathy Jarowicz

Who says Habitat is all work and no play? Volunteers have their very own Chuck Berry dance party on the roof during a sunny afternoon break.

Ask Arnie

Dear Arnie,

I think that I am the victim of Chinese organ thieves. I woke up yesterday morning with a large scar across my abdomen. It was neatly stitched, and I thought that I may have hurt myself the night before and didn't remember it since I had been drinking. However, when I asked my friends, they said they helped me back to bed, and I was fine.

I know that it is not unheard of for people to lose organs to black market dealers. Is it possible for this to happen here, on Saint Joe's campus? I've always felt so safe here, but now I don't know.

I want to go to the doctor and be examined to see if I am indeed missing a kidney, but I am afraid that the hospital will have me committed to the mental ward. What should I do?

--Unwitting Donor

Dear Unwitting,

If I woke up one morning with a large scar, I would definitely get myself to the doctor's office to find out what had happened to me. I have heard stories such as the ones you mentioned, but I do not think that Rensselaer is a likely place for something like this to happen.

However, the sudden appearance of your scar as well as your vulnerable drunken state the night of the incident seem to indicate that you were the victim of some strange attack. I would advise seeking professional help immediately.

--Arnie

Send letters to Ask Arnie at Post Office Box 2225 or put them in The Observer box in the Core building.

PUMA SOFTBALL HAS HIGH HOPES FOR VICTORY THIS SEASON

by Sarah Klusek

The St. Joseph's softball team traveled to Orlando over Spring Break to start their season. They are starting this season very young, with only two returning Seniors, Kristin Brown and Sharon Rhyne and three Juniors, Katie Corrigan, Angie Moster, and transfer Tammy Witek. Also returning to the Puma line-up are Sophomores, Stacey DeHaven, Kristi Flick, Jill Lagerhausen, Kristy Langen, Candice Layman, and Jill McLachlan. The new additions to the roster are Freshmen, Shanna Arnold, Amy Creager, Heather Gilstrap, Chrissy Krallman, Mary Mazurek, and Heidi Wieland. The upperclassmen will be definite contributors this season, but everyone will be called on to give their best on and off the field.

The Pumas faced a variety of different teams while they were down in Florida. They played the University of Indianapolis, which is in their conference, as well as teams from Ohio and as far away as Connecticut. The softball team came home with a 2-7 record, but head coach Mark Settle said despite their overall record the team still played well.

"Our defense and offense was strong and executed well, but when we had people ready to score, we couldn't get the key hit. It is just a matter of time, and the more the team looks at different pitching, the more the girls will improve" Settle stated.

The two Puma wins came against the University of Indianapolis and Lockhaven. The Pumas beat Indianapolis 3-2 with Sophomore pitcher Stacey DeHaven picking up the win. DeHaven also drove in 2 out of the 3 runs scored that game, and Junior Tammy Witek went 2-3. The team's other win came against Lockhaven. They played a very tough game and won 1-0. Senior Sharon Rhyne

pitched the win for the Pumas. In that game she had 8 strikeouts, 1 walk, and did not allow any runs. Coach Settle said that the game could possibly have been the best game of Sharon's college career. The Pumas' run came when DeHaven hit a triple to knock in Witek for the winning and only run of the game.

The team hoped for more wins in Florida but Coach Settle was happy with how the team played.

"Two of the three phases of the game are working well for us. It is nice to have the opportunity to play games in March before our season starts."

Sophomore Kristy Langen also believed that the team played better defensively than last year.

The trip was a good experience for the whole team. It was beneficial for the team and for recruiting for next year. Coach Settle believed that a lot of positive things happened in Florida.

"There was team bonding and everyone was able to get to know each other. Everyone got along well and that will help us when we practice and play games."

It was frustrating for the team to come back from Florida and have to move back inside for practices, especially since the team has been on morning rotation. Coach Settle does not believe it will greatly effect the team.

"Spring is very unpredictable and right now most of the teams in our conference are in the same boat. Everyone is basically inside right now and no one really has the advantage."

Coach Settle has a positive outlook for this season. He sees the team in the middle of the pack as far as the conference goes. He believes that teams like



photo by Katie Corrigan

The Victorious Lady Pumas bask in the sun in Florida.

Parkside, Lewis, Edwardsville, and Southern Indiana will be the teams to beat this year, but as time goes on, they will be defeating some of the teams that they were behind in the past.

Kristy Langen feels that the team has a chance to do well in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. She is expecting to finish the season with a better overall record and qualify for the conference tournament.

"The team has a good shot at ending up in the middle or upper-half of the conference. We just have to play heads-up all of the time," Langen commented.

The Freshmen new to the team will have a great impact

on the Puma's success. Three key starting positions are filled by Amy Creager at shortstop, Shanna Arnold at 2nd base, and Mary Mazurek in centerfield. Coach Settle thinks that playing college softball is a big adjustment.

"The biggest adjustment for the freshmen is hitting and playing at the next level of competition. They will only get better as time goes on and it is basically on the job training that will help them improve" Settle said.

The Pumas will play their home opener Wednesday, March 25 at 2:30 against Olivet Nazarene and will be home again Friday against Lewis. Both games will be at 2:30.

Lady Pumas End Their Season on a High Note

by Eric Schneider

The uniforms have been cleaned and packed away for a few months. The sounds of squeaking sneakers and bouncing balls aren't heard anymore. All the Lady Pumas have left of their 1997-98 campaign are the memories of what ended up being a successful season.

Although they beat the odds in the two previous games, the team ended their year on a down point, losing to Southern Indiana-Edwardsville by the score of

80-68 in the semi-finals of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. In the final performance of the season, Angie Hupfer came through with a high-scoring night, leading the Pumas in scoring with 27 points. Tamara Bumpers scored 13 while Sarah Krey chipped in 11 in her final game in a St. Joseph's College basketball uniform.

The night was filled with memories that will last a lifetime. Hupfer, became number nine on the All-Time

On Track

by Kevin Collins

The Saint Joseph's College men's and women's track teams are getting into their outdoor season. They recently closed their indoor season with both teams being ranked in Division two for the fifth straight year in a row. This leads to one of the team goals for outdoor season. The team wants to be ranked in all the outdoor meets and compete for a conference championship.

Head Coach Bill Massoels is very pleased with the work ethic of the team.

"The team came back in very good shape from spring break and are getting into the outdoor training, despite the wonderful midwest weather." Massoels also thought that with a little luck and good health, there are several Puma tracksters who should have the opportunity and ability to qualify for the Outdoor Nationals and become All-Americans.

The Pumas have their first outdoor meet this weekend at Purdue. The Pumas will compete against some big division one schools. Some of the athletes will compete on Friday and the others on Saturday. The team hopes to prove by the time of the conference meet that they are a force to reckon with.

Scoring List with 1024 career points.

Jessika Henry grabbed her final rebound, giving her a total of 514 and the number ten spot on the All-Time Rebounding List. For Henry, Krey, and Williams, it was the end of a long road traveled in the purple and white.

Although it is the end for some, it is a new beginning for many of the ladies on the team. Remaining players must step up and fill the big shoes of the successful departed and remembered seniors.

Baseball Team Advances Home with a Winning Record

by Erin Breetzke

With El Nino on the move, the weather may be unseasonable, but with the successful record the Puma baseball team brought back from Florida, it is easy to tell that baseball season has finally begun.

Before their spring break trip, players were excited to be playing outside so early in the season.

"I'm looking forward to the trip the same as I have looked at it in the past," Senior shortstop Dave Faust stated. "Getting out this early has been good because we've never been able to get to play outside before Florida in the past," he added.

Upon returning from the trip, the players felt that the team learned a lot, grew together a bit, and most of all, came back successful in the midst of the fun they encountered as well.

Junior Dave Drzonek felt that the trip was a lot of fun.

"The trip was very positive. Some guys got hurt, but a lot of guys stepped up and

contributed," centerfielder Drzonek commented.

Junior first baseman Mike Kashirsky agreed that the team did well in Florida and overall, it was a very positive experience.

"We learned a lot of positive things from the trip," Kashirsky explained. "When we play together as a team, we really do well."

Bringing back their most successful record from a Florida spring break trip (9-4 overall), the team feels one game stood out among all the rest.

"On a positive note, we were down the last two innings against Bryant University and the game was forced into extra innings when we scored eight more runs. It kind of paralleled the game we played against Valparaiso in Alabama," Drzonek stated.

With the success of this recent trip, the freshmen were introduced to the competition they must all face in college baseball.

Freshman Tim Chambers knew that the freshmen had to work hard to step up to the challenge.

"As freshmen, we knew the team had a reputation of being a powerhouse. We had to accept that and step up," Freshman infielder Tim Chamber stated. "The [college] game is much quicker than high school and there is more mental play."

This trip helped prepare the freshman for the season that they face.

"This trip helped a lot because it was the first time the younger guys got to play. It was a jelling process," Chambers stated.

Though the team realizes they still have a lot to work on, the team chemistry is strong.

"When we play together, we do really well," Kashirsky said.

The Pumas have hopes to maintain their winning record as they have their first home game on Wednesday, March 25th at 2:30p.m. against Olivet Nazarene.

On the Court

by Kevin Collins

The Saint Joseph's College men's tennis team is once again getting into the flow of things for the 1998 season. Under the direction of experienced head Coach John Barrientos, who is coaching his nineteenth season at Saint Joe, the Pumas will be a thorn in many teams' rosy season.

The team roster for this season includes nine Puma men. Although it is very early in the season and the order in which the guys play is subject to change, Coach Barrientos has developed a starting lineup.

Senior James Blinzinger from Oakland City, IN will be filling the number one spot.

"James is not in full stride yet at this time, but will be extremely competitive this season" Barrientos stated.

Freshman Mark Grueter from Vancouver, British Columbia will be the number two man and has shown some great potential to really help the Pumas.

Junior Casey Kinnaman from Cambridge City, IN is the number three man and

seems to be playing extremely well right now. Senior Ben Waldron from Highland, IN will be playing the four man slot. Ben will provide some consistency to the lineup. The number five man, Freshman Nathan Smith from Pekin, Illinois is showing great potential, but needs some more matches to develop a higher level of consistency. Senior Chad Novak from Northfield Center Ohio rounds out the starting lineup at the number six spot. Chad did not see a lot of playing time last season but brings his very competitive attitude to the courts this season to help the Pumas out. Filling out the remainder of the Puma roster are Junior Karl Falk from Erie, PA, Junior Aukjan vanBelkum from Goutam, Holland, and Freshman Kevin Chudd from Lake Villa, IL.

Coach Barrientos and the team know that they are in for a tough season, but the program is steadily improving and the better they get, the more the competition will have to take notice.

GAMES AND MEETS

FRIDAY MARCH 27TH

MEN'S TENNIS AT HOME VERSUS QUINCY UNIVERSITY 3:00P.M.

SOFTBALL AT HOME VERSUS LEWIS UNIVERSITY 2:00 P.M.

TRACK AT PURDUE OPEN 2:00P.M.

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH

MEN'S TENNIS AT HOME VERSUS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS EDWARDSVILLE 2:30P.M.

BASEBALL AT UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

TRACK AT PURDUE

SOFTBALL AT GLVC CLUSTER AT UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS



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Lyrical Insight

The following is a poetic adaptation of the Monkees' hit:

(I'M NOT YOUR) STEPPIN' STONE

You're trying to make your mark in society
Using all the tricks that you used on me.
You're reading all those high fashion magazines
The clothes you're wearin' girl are causing public scenes.

I said
I'm not your stepping stone,
Not your stepping stone.

When I first met you girl you didn't have no shoes
Now you're walking 'round like you're front page news.
You've been awful careful 'bout the friends you choose
But you won't find my name in your book of Who's Who.

I said
I'm not your stepping stone
I'm not your stepping stone
Not your stepping stone,
Not your stepping stone.

by Tommy Borce &
Bobby Hart

Untitled Spring

As the snow slowly melts, green appears noble
Here in Indiana, America. Even possibly global
Spring is finally here, knock on wood. please
I'm sick of staring at grey skys.
Give me trees
The flowers are peaceful, the sky is blue
More importantly the temp is a cool 72
Yes, spring is upon us. Happy, it is
finally here
With any luck we can terminate hibernation
Sky's clear
A harsh but bold goodbye to winter is due.
For snow skiers unfortunately no lie it's true.
But for sunbathers and water skiers it's about time.

Bill Bell

Searchin' Charles

Hey!! Our friend Charles is
always searching... and, this time,

he thought he'd invite you along.
Help Charles find the Zodiac
Signs in his 'primo' word search..

Aries	Taurus	Pisces
Cancer	Leo	Virgo
Libra	Scorpio	Sagittarius
Capricorn	Aquarius	Gemini

T Y L A E M W L I B R A U X P H C K G S N
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C S U R U A T N G P U W X Q V M P I A N A
M Z P C H Q U A R Q X L S J A R B P V S C
L G Z I O M P S A G I T T A R I U S P W H

I WON'T TELL IF YOU WON'T

This hurt inside....
governed by my environment

When I had little left to give
you took it all
All I had left,
you took for granted
and replaced the emptiness
with your pain

This hurt inside....
a pain I don't want
I don't want anything
from you or anyone
Like a time before
I let my guard down
and let love in
only to become bitter and
numb again

Randy Wagers

Outside the big top

Electric moments, Of wild-eyed spectacle
And foolish inconsistency

Your life is a carnival, A travelling circus

Alas, too poor to buy tickets
I observe with a mournful sigh, Of resignation

In the steady downpour, Of spring-time rain
Outside the big top

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EJM

A day in the Life of...

In my teenage years I'm in America's decline
Where there's pressure to smoke pot and snort a line.
Bellbottoms are back and disco is too
Sit right back as I finish off my Mountain Dew..

Flannels are cool having long hair is nice
All my friends play craps with their lucky dice.

We have a dope smoking, draft dodging, womanizing, trash talking
Just a stupid little louse who wears a suit and lives in the White House.
He has a daughter, She's ugly as sin
Prohibition is over no more bathtub gin.
When I see a cop I run quick
When I want a cigarette I flick my bic.
Marijuana's illegal is this a mistake?
When you can live on Vodka and birthday cake.

Bumming with friends, talking about the past
Drinking some coffee, having a blast

Hey it's not easy being a teenager.

David... "Chicago" ...Martin

Aspirations

A spring fresh evening in
December,
that is the fourth to be exact.
Did you ever wonder why
we need to always have some-
one to love?
A cool refreshing memory
that shatters all the wrong in
our lives.
And don't you love the way
we lie
to ourselves.
Making everything so perfect
-deadly perfect-
Anything, Anyone we want
just use our little imagination
and indulge.
But who knows better then I,
what happens when everything
we dream goes so wrong.
And the earth begins to shake
picking up the ashes of our
once
bright lite eyes.
Wishing that the rest of us
might just burn.
Leaving behind a faint smell
-A memory-

Kym Riccardo

